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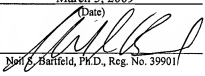
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Neil S. Barfield, Ph.D., Reg. No. 39901**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In the Restriction Requirement mailed **March 3, 2009**, the Examiner restricted the pending claims into three inventions:

- I. Claims 1-19, drawn to a method for whole genome amplification.
- II. Claims 20-29, drawn to a population of random X-mers of exonuclease-resistant primers and a kit containing the primers.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-19). Claims 1-19 encompass the elected invention.